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## From BEYOND to the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dear Friends and Supporters,

The following letter to you today comes from my devotional diary for today, May 12, 2023. These are our thoughts, prayers and commitments to God's will as we prepare for the return to the Dominican Republic:

"Lovest Thou Me?" Devotional reading from "Awake My Heart" by J. Sidlow Baxter

*Break through my nature, mighty heavenly love,  
Clear every avenue of thought and brain,  
Flood my affections, purify my will;  
Let nothing but Thine own pure life remain.*

*Thus, wholly mastered, and by Thee possessed,  
Forth from my life, spontaneous and free,  
Shall flow a stream of tenderness and grace,  
Loving because Thy love now lives in me.*

Scripture Reading today: Psalms 85 and Acts 18-20 Acts 18:9-11



"Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent: for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."

Lord, Thank you for bringing this passage to my attention. I feel overwhelmed the new responsibility in Dominican with:

- \* The shipment to the DR (300 chairs, sports equipment, physical therapy equipment, furnishings for the Host villa, school supplies, Bibles, library books, lawn mowers for Visionland, and other miscellaneous equipment for the ministry.
- \* The emptying, storing, selling and packing of our household for the move to the DR.
- \* The traveling, speaking, and reporting of our move to our supporters.
- \* The funds needed for the move, setting up household in the DR and the purchase of ministry vehicles for us.
- \* Last minute doctors appointments.



"These things listed I commit to your care and provision. Give us the strength to endure these days. This is Your will for our lives, even at this point in our lives. Thank you for entrusting this task in planting churches in San Pedro with the help and teamwork of the members of the church in San Pedro. You have "many people in this city". Acts 18:10. You are with us. We are not afraid."

*Prayerfully yours,*

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